

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended) An isolated A-polynucleotide molecule having a promoter activity for a polynucleotide encoding the amino acid sequence polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2, wherein said polynucleotide molecule comprises a polynucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:
  - (a) the polynucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:17,
  - (b) a polynucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:17 in which 1 to 10 nucleotides are substituted, deleted, and/or inserted,
  - (c) the polynucleotide and comprising a nucleotide sequence consisting of nucleotides 3253 to 5023 of a 3253rd to 5023rd nucleotides in SEQ ID NO:17, and
  - (d) a polynucleotide or a nucleotide sequence consisting of nucleotides 3253 to 5023 of the 3253rd to the 5023rd nucleotides in SEQ ID NO:17 in which 1 to 10 nucleotides are substituted, deleted, and/or inserted.
2. (currently amended) The A-polynucleotide molecule according to claim 1, wherein said polynucleotide molecule comprises the polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:17 or a polynucleotide a nucleotide sequence consisting of a nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:17 in which 1 to 10 nucleotides are substituted, deleted, and/or inserted.
3. (currently amended) The A-polynucleotide molecule according to claim 1, wherein said polynucleotide molecule comprises the polynucleotide comprising the

~~nucleotide sequence consisting of nucleotides 3253 to 5023 of the 3253rd to 5023rd nucleotides in SEQ ID NO:17 or the polynucleotide nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:17.~~

4. (currently amended) An expression vector comprising the polynucleotide molecule according to any one of claims 1 to 3.
5. (original) A cell transfected with the expression vector according to claim 4.
- 6-7. (canceled).
8. (original) A method for analyzing a test compound about whether or not the test compound inhibits the promoter activity of the polynucleotide according to any one of claims 1 to 3, comprising (1) a step of allowing the test compound to contact with the cell according to claim 5 and (2) a step of detecting the promoter activity.
9. (original) A method for screening a substance suppressing the expression of a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2, comprising the analyzing step by the method according to claim 8 and a step of selecting a substance inhibiting the promoter activity.
10. (canceled).
11. (original) A method for producing a pharmaceutical composition for the treatment and/or prevention of chronic renal failure, comprising the analyzing step by the method according to claim 8 and a formulation step.
12. (new) The polynucleotide molecule according to claim 1, wherein said polynucleotide molecule consists of the polynucleotide sequence of nucleotides 3253 to 5023 of SEQ ID NO:17 or the polynucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:17.